

# City SG—March 27th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** One (Early Church Works Together / Believers Share Their Lives Together) • Acts 2:42-47

**Today's Bottom Line:** Make a habit of working together.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

## 1. Practice Togetherness

**Non-Reader Option highlighted below**

**What You Need:** Bibles, blank 11x17 paper (4 per group per service), markers

### What You Do:

- Say, "We are going to do an activity that will require cooperation!"
- Divide your kids into groups of three.
- Open a Bible marked at Acts 2:42-47, read it to your group, and give each group of 3 kids a piece of 11x17 paper, and markers.
- Direct the kids to cooperate to:
  - read the verses
  - write down different ways the early church worked together
  - **draw ways the early church worked together**
- Explain that every kid on the team has to participate in the activity.
- When they finish, invite each team to hold up their poster and share what they did.

### What You Say:

"I love how everyone on your team cooperated with each other by doing something different to produce something amazing! Before Jesus left, He gave His disciples a huge task: bring His message to the world. He told them it wouldn't be easy, but He promised them that through the Holy Spirit, He'd be with them and they'd be able to accomplish the work.

"Jesus said that people would know who followed Him by the way they loved each other. The early church put this into practice by cooperating and sharing what they each had so everyone would see Jesus' love. You cooperated to make these amazing posters. You worked together to do something big, just like the early church did! **[Bottom Line] Make a habit of working together.**"

## 2. Two Are Better than One

**What You Need:** "Color Me a Verse" Page (1 per kid), markers

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Color Me a Verse" Activity Page and markers.
- Read the verse together a few times.
- Invite kids to color their "Color Me a Verse" Activity Page.
- As they work, engage them in a conversation about cooperation and what they've learned this month:
  - What was the result of people in the early church working together?

- Have you cooperated more with the people around you since we've talked about cooperation? How?
- What happens when we don't work well together?
- What happens when we DO work well together?
- What's one way you could cooperate with someone today?

**What You Say:**

"The people in the early church were great examples of how to live according to this verse. They knew that together, as a community, they could do more than they could alone. So they helped each other in everything they did.

"Just like in the early church, when we work together and help each other in everything we do, people will start to notice something different. People will notice we care about each other and love one another. So if someone needs help, give it. If they need a friend, be one. If they need encouragement, share kind words. When we **[Bottom Line] make a habit of working together** with love, others will see Jesus in us."

**3. 3-Legged Race**

**What You Needed:** Disc Cones (10 per Group), 3-Legged Race Bands (2 per Group)

**What You Do:**

- Say, "We're going to have a 3-Legged Race! I'm so excited to see how well you can work together like God wants us to!"
- Split your group up into 2 even teams
  - **NOTE: Teams will need to have multiples of 2 kids for this Activity to be successful (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.)**
- Line kids up in 2 separate lines.
- Place an obstacle course of Disc Cones (spaced out enough for kids to weave in and out of) parallel to each Team.
- Pair kids up and give the first pair of kids in their Team's Line a 3-Legged Race Band.
- On your "GO!", kids will work together to race in and out of the cones (down and back), relay race style.
  - NOTE: Once the first pair is done, they will take off their band, and hand it to the next pair in line for their team, and so on.
- First Team to complete the process (all pairs have put on the band and gone up and down the course) WINS!
- Play a few rounds as time and interest allows.

**What You Say:**

"Great job working together everyone! You really had to focus on cooperating with your team and teammates to accomplish your goal of winning during this Activity. God wants us to be mindful of others, and to show cooperation every day of our lives! Working together with others is a great way we can show God that we love Him!"

## 4. Pray and Dismiss

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Direct the kids to circle up.
- Invite the kids to take a few minutes to share what unique talents they have that they can practice sharing with others.
- Encourage the kids to share their ideas with the group. *(Be prepared to help kids who may struggle to recognize their gifts. If you know them well, you'll have the insight needed to help them identify their unique gifts and boost their confidence. If you don't know them well, think about how you've observed them in this group and share what you've seen.)*
- Close your group time in prayer.

**What You Say:**

"Jesus, we know that using our gifts and working together can point people to You. Help us practice using the gifts of *(kids or you can fill in a gift they each identified)* that You have given us. Give us opportunities to use our gifts and work together with other believers to show Your love to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."